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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NINTH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

Second report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Marthinus VAN SCHALKWYK (South Africa)

1. The Credentials Committee held its second meeting on 24 May 1999.

2. The Secretariat provided additional information on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Ninth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as at 24 May 1999.

3. According to that information, formal credentials by the head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 17 States participating in the Ninth Meeting of States Parties: Côte d'Ivoire, Dominica, Egypt, Gambia, Guatemala, Iraq, Ireland, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Paraguay, Romania, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles, Sudan and Yemen.

4. Furthermore, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Ninth Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities by the following nine States participating in the Ninth Meeting of States Parties: Botswana, Comoros, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Mali, Netherlands, Palau and Zambia.

5. The Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the information provided by the Secretariat, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in

paragraph 4 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the Ninth Meeting of State Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in the information provided by the Secretariat on 24 May 1999, during the second meeting of the Credentials Committee,

"Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned."

6. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

7. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the Ninth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"The Ninth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee."

8. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Ninth Meeting of States Parties.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

9. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Ninth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives of the Ninth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"The Ninth Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee."